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FROM ANDREWS FOR SIMONS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT:OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. THE FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND INFORMATION ONLY FOR YOUR MEETING WITH BUCTICA IN CASE HE RAISES EXPORT CONTROL ISSUE.

2. THE INTER-AGENCY REVIEW ON EXPORT CONTROL POLICY ON ROMANIA HAS REACHED A TENTATIVE DECISION ON A LIMITED LIBERALIZATION OF LICENSING PROCEDURES AFFECTING COMMODITY EXPORTS TO ROMANIA. SUBJECT TO HIGHER-LEVEL REVIEW, THE AGENCIES AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATION OF US POLICY: "IN PROCESSING EXPORT LICENSES FOR ROMANIA, THERE WILL BE A PRESUMPTION OF APPROVAL OF ALL BUT THE MOST STRATEGICALLY SIGNIFICANT COMMODITY EXPORTS, WHILE WE WILL CONTINUE TO RESTRICT STRATEGICALLY SIGNIFICANT TECHNICAL DATA."

3. THE PRACTICAL EFFECT OF SUCH A CHANGE CANNOT EASILY BE
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PREDICTED AND WILL CLEARLY DEPEND ON INTER-AGENCY INTER-PRETATION OF WHAT ITEMS ARE "MOST STRATEGICALLY SIGNIFICANT." WE ARE NOT AT ALL SANGUINE THAT DOD WILL BE HELPFUL. IN LIGHT OF THIS, I BELIEVE IT BEST TO AVOID CREATING ANY EXPECTATIONS ON THE ROMANIANS PART THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE INTO NEW AREAS OF HIGHER-TECHNOLOGY EXPORTS OR THAT CASES WILL BE HANDLED ANY FASTER. THERE IS EVEN SOME

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RESERVATION AS TO WHETHER CURRENT MODIFICATIONS WARRENT ANY STATEMENT DURING THE CEAUSESCU VISIT THAT WE HAVE "LIBERALIZED" OUR EXPORT CONTROL POLICY TOWARD ROMANIA.

4. WE ARE MAKING ANOTHER TRY TO SEE IF NSC CAN MOVE DOD ON THIS ISSUE, BUT DON'T COUNT ON MUCH OF A CHANGE FROM ABOVE. COOPER

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